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SUBJ: INTERPOL MEETING CHIANG MAI

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE RECENT INTERPOL MEETING HELD IN CHIANG MAI, THAILAND JULY 12-16, 1976.

2. THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MEETING WAS EXCELLENT. THERE WERE NO RECRIMINATIONS OR FINGER-POINTING BY EITHER THE EUROPEAN OR ASIAN DELEGATES AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE. EACH SEEMED WILLING TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER SIDE'S PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES.

3. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK WILL POUCH THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, THE DRAFT MINUTES AND DRAFT FINAL REPORT TO SECSTATE AND DEA HQS. IF NONE OF THE DELEGATIONS OBJECT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL INTERPOL, SAINT CLOUD, FRANCE WITHIN TWO WEEKS, THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED AS A FORMAL REPORT.

4. IN THE DRAFT REPORT THERE ARE TWO SETS OF SUGGESTIONS. THE GENERAL SUGGESTIONS WILL BE FOR PUBLIC RELEASE. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECOND SET OR THOSE MARKED CONFIDENTIAL WILL NOT BE FOR

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5. A GENERAL SUGGESTION OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS NUMBER FOUR OF THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT WHERE THE DELEGATES STRESS THE NEED OF CLTI-NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN AND THAI CROP REPLACEMENT PROJECTS. THE DELEGATES WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THOSE PROJECTS AFTER HAVING SPENT TWO FULL DAYS IN THE FIELD VIEWING THEM.

6. IN SUMMARY, AN EXCELLENT MEETING, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, BUT ALSO IN UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. IT SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED THAT GENERAL SURAPON'S CHAIRING OF THE MEETING AND THE OVERALL HOSTING OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE THAI WAS OUTSTANDING AND MET THE HIGHEST STANDARDS SET FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.
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